AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Canceled).

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the first user interface area comprises a user interface window.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the first user interface area is associated with a first application.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the keyword comprises a plurality of keywords.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the first user interface area comprises a document.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the keyword comprises an attribute of an event.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, further comprising identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.

8.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, further comprising

discontinuing use of the keyword after a second period of time has elapsed.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 8, wherein the second period of

time comprises at least 10 seconds.

10.   (Canceled).

11.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein associating the

keyword with the first user interface area comprises storing the keyword and a user interface

area identifier in a memory.

12.   (Previously Presented)   A method comprising:

        associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

        receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second

user interface area is active;

        generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword; and

        downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query

based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, further comprising:

        receiving the result set associated with the implicit search query; and

        causing the result set to be output.

14.   (Original)   A method comprising:

associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;

determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area became inactive;

generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;

receiving a result set associated with the search query; and

downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed time.

15.   (Canceled).

16.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.

17.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for discontinuing use of the keyword after a second period of time has elapsed.

18.   (Canceled).

19.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein program code for associating the keyword with the first user interface area comprises program code for storing the keyword and a user interface area identifier in a memory.

20.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:

    program code for receiving a result set associated with the implicit search query; and

    program code for causing the result set to be output.

21.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

    program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

    program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;

    program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;

    ~~receiving at least one query result based at least in part on the implicit search query;~~ and

    program code for downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

22.   (Previously Presented)   A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

    program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;

program code for determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area became inactive;

program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;

program code for receiving a result set associated with the search query; and

program code for downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed time.

23.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

associating a plurality of keywords with a plurality of user interface areas;

generating an implicit search query comprising at least one of the plurality of keywords;

receiving at least one query result based at least in part on the implicit search query; and

weighting at least one of the keywords included in the query and the at least one query result based at least in part on one or more of whether the user interface area associated with the keyword is active, the time since the keyword was determined, the time since the user interface area associated with the keyword was last active, and the frequency and time periods over which the user interface area associated with the keyword has been active.